


Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-7 have been amended to meet the U.S. practice formality. Claim 8 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-7 and 9-10 are now pending. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests a speedy Office Action on merit.

Respectfully submitted,



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The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. **26-0166** for any fees associated with this communication.